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SUBJECT: TEXT OF STATUS OF REPORT ON FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NPG (STAFF GROUP) WP(73)13, DRAFT PERM REPS REPORT ON STATUS OF WORK IN PROGRESS IN FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAM. AS REPORTED SEPEL, NPG STAFF GROUP ON 24 SEPTEMBER DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF THIS PAPER, WHICH WILL BE ON NPG PERM REPS AGENDA FOR 4 OCTOBER MEETING, ON GROUNDS PHASE II STUDY TEAM REPORT, WHICH IS TO BE ANNEX TO PERM REPS STATUS REPORT, HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED IN WASHINGTON.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. PURPOSE

THIS REPORT SUMMARISES THE STATUS OF WORK IN PROGRESS IN THE PROGRAMME FOR THE STUDY OF FOLLOW-ON TACTICAL USE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS OF 1ST OCTOBER, 1973.

II. BACKGROUND

2. AT THEIR MEETING IN NOVEMBER, 1969, THE MINISTERS OF THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP APPROVED THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAMME AND INVITED THA PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FULFILMENT OF THE INITIAL WORK, TO MONITOR THE WORK PROGRAMME ON A CONTINUING BASIS AND TO PROPOSE FURTHER WORK AS APPROPRIATE. IN DISCHARGING THEIR MONITORING FUNCTION, THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MADE SEVERAL BRIEF PROGRESS REPORTS IN THE PAST.

3. AS OF ONE OF ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVES, THE WORK PROGRAMME SEEKS TO PROVIDE, THROUGH ITS EXPLORATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS AND INTERACTIONS OF FOLLOW-ON TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, A BASIS FOR THE MINISTERS TO DEVELOP POLICY PROPOSALS, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE NPG HAS AGREED THAT THE WORK PROGRAMME WOULD CONSIST OF THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS: PHASE I (PREPARATION OF BASIC DATA INPUTS IN THE FORMS OF STUDIES AND RELATED COMMENTS FROM COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE NUCLEAR DEFENCE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES); PHASE II (COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE BASIC DATA INPUTS, SYNTHESIS OF FINDINGS AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE POLICY QUESTIONS); AND PHASE III (FORMULATION, AS APPROPRIATE, OF PROPOSED POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR FOLLOW-ON TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE NUCLEAR DEFENCE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE).

III. STATUS

4. PHASE I OF THE WORK PROGRAMME CAME TO A CONCLUSION IN MAY 1973 WITH MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE LAST OF THE NINE STUDIES ENVISAGED FOR THAT PART OF THE PROGRAMME. FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE MINISTERS IN MAY 1972 TO INITIATE PHASE II, AN AD HOC STUDY TEAM, COMPOSED OF PARTICIPANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE PAST YEAR IN DEVELOPING A PHASE II REPORT. A BRIEF CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF THIS WORK AS OF 1ST OCTOBER, 1973, PREPARED BY THE STUDY TEAM, IS ATTACHED AT ANNEX.

5. THERE ARE NO PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL WORK WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE FOLLOW-ON USE WORK PROGRAMME TO BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

ANNEX-PHASE II STUDY TEAM STATUS REPORT END TEXT. (NOTE: FOOTNOTES OMMITTED.)

2. IT IS APPARENT THAT ACCURACY OF FINAL PARAGRAPH IN ABOVE REPORT WILL DEPEND UPON SUBSTANCE OF PHASE II TEAM'S REPORT. AS TO REMAINDER OF ABOVE PRO-FORMA REPORT, HOWEVER, WE WILL,

AS IN CASE OF OTHER PERM REPS RRPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT 4
OCTOBER MEETING (SEE REFTELS), ASSUME THAT TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE
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